In the Claims:

1.-12. cancelled

13. (new) A measuring device laying out a first distance in real-life, the first distance being related to a first dimension measured on a drawing depicting features at a first scaling ratio relative to real-life, the measuring device comprising:

a first set of indicia comprising marks matching a common system of units;

a second set of indicia comprising marks correlating to the common system of units and being adjusted linearly by the inverse of the first scaling ratio wherein the first dimension matches the first distance.

14. (new) The measurement device of claim 13 being further adapted for laying out a second distance in real-life, wherein when a second distance in real-life is related to a second dimension measured on a second drawing depicting features at a second scaling ratio relative to real-life, further comprising a third set of indicia comprising marks correlating to the common system of units and being adjusted linearly by the inverse of the second scaling ratio wherein the second dimension matches the second distance.

15. (new) The measurement device of claim 13 further comprising a housing.

16. (new) The measurement device of claim 13 wherein the first set of indicia comprises numerical values and the second set of indicia comprises numerical values.

17. (new) The measurement device of claim 13, wherein the first and second set of indicia have a starting point adjacent to each other.

18. (new) The measurement device of claim 13 wherein the first scaling ratio corresponds to one of an engineering and architectural scale.

19. (new) A method of laying out a first distance in real-life, the first distance being related to a first dimension measured on a drawing depicting features at a first scaling ratio relative to real-life, the method comprising:

determining the first dimension on the drawing in units of a common system of units;

consulting a first set of indicia, the first set of indicia comprising marks on a measuring device, the marks correlating to the common system of units and being adjusted linearly by the inverse of the first scaling ratio wherein the first dimension matches the first distance.

20. (new) The method of claim 19, wherein a second distance in real-life is related to a second dimension measured on a second drawing depicting features at a second scaling ratio relative to real-life, further comprising the steps of

determining the second dimension on the drawing in units of a common system of units;

consulting a second set of indicia, the second set of indicia comprising marks on a measuring device, the marks correlating to the common system of units and being adjusted linearly by the inverse of the second scaling ratio wherein the second dimension matches the second distance.

21. (new) A device for determining a size of an object in real-life, the device comprising:

a first set of regularly spaced indicia used to size the object when it is depicted at a first scale other than real-life;

a first and second mark disposed on the first set of indicia for sizing the object between the marks;

a second set of regularly spaced indicia corresponding to the first set of indicia, the second set of indicia having a spacing between the indicia related to the first set of indicia by an inverse to the first scale, the second set of indicia not being equivalent to an established measurement system in real-life;

corresponding first and second marks disposed on the second set of indicia for sizing the object in real-life using the corresponding marks.

22. (new) The measurement device of claim 21 being adapted for determining a further size of an object in real-life when the object is depicted at a second scale other than real-life; the device further comprising

a third set of regularly spaced indicia corresponding to the first set of indicia, the third set of indicia having a spacing between the indicia related to the first set of indicia by an inverse to the second scale, the third set of indicia not being equivalent to an established measurement system in real-life;

further corresponding first and second marks disposed on the third set of indicia for sizing the object in real-life using the further corresponding marks.

23. (new) The measurement device of claim 21 further comprising a housing.

24. (new) The measurement device of claim 21 wherein the first set of indicia comprises numerical values and the second set of indicia comprises numerical values.

25. (new) The measurement device of claim 21, wherein the first and second set of indicia have a starting point adjacent to each other.

26. (new) The measurement device of claim 21 wherein the scale corresponds to one of an engineering and architectural scale.

27. (new) A method of sizing an object in real-life; the method comprising the steps of:

locating a first and a second mark on a first set of regularly spaced indicia to size an object depicted at a first scale other than real-life;

locating a corresponding first and second mark on a second set of regularly spaced indicia, which are not equivalent to an established measurement system in real-life, to size the object in real-life.

28. (new) The method of claim 27, for determining a further size of an object in real-life when the object is depicted at a second scale other than real-life, the method further comprising the

steps of

locating a new first and a new second mark on the first set of regularly spaced indicia to size an object depicted at the second scale other than real-life;

locating a further corresponding first and second mark on a third set of regularly spaced indicia, which are not equivalent to an established measurement system in real-life, to size the object in real-life.